

Our Club

The Elgin Breakfast Rotary Club was chartered in 1989 and plays a vital role in serving our community. Through community-based activities, the Club meets many local needs including the support of vocational education, youth literacy, access to food, health and human safety, cultural diversity, peace and the international effort to eradicate polio.

Support by the Club toward local, regional, and global initiatives includes our active engagement in:

Rotary Youth Exchange - host and sponsor H.S. students from foreign countries

Rotary Youth Leadership Academy - annually sponsor local teens to attend a three-day camp that emphasizes leadership skills, personal development and citizenship,

Business 25 Scholarship - awards \$1,000 in scholarships for 25 years to Elgin students for post-secondary education

G. Michael Greene Scholarship – awards a \$1,000 scholarship annually to an Elgin area student for post-secondary education with a focus on teaching

Reading Buddies – partner with a local preschool and volunteer to read each month

Little Library Project – build mini wooden structures to house books around the community to allow access to books for all

Salvation Army - ring bells to raise money for the Salvation Army

Polio Eradication - supports Rotary International efforts to eradicate polio from the face of the earth.

Each year, the Club also provides numerous local not for profits with financial and physical assistance.



For more information visit
the Rotary International web
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rotary.org

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Welcome to the Elgin Breakfast Rotary Club



Jim Brandes
Club President
2024-2025

Join us the First
Thursday of each
month 7:15 am at
the:

Elgin Country Club
2575 Weld Road
Elgin, IL 60124

Zoom Meeting Link
is also available

What is Rotary

Rotary International is a worldwide organization of business, professional, and community leaders who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

Rotary International is the world's first service club. The first Rotary Club was founded in Chicago, IL in 1905.

Rotary International has approximately 1.2 million members belonging to 35,000 clubs in 200 countries and territories around the world.

Rotarians have Club meetings weekly for fellowship and interesting programs dealing with topics of local and global importance. Membership is by invitation and reflects a wide cross-section of the community.

Rotarians plan and implement humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs with the aim of improving the quality of life of people in their local communities and in our world community.

The Rotary Foundation each year provides the necessary financial support for local Rotary Clubs to carry out the mission of Rotary International to advance understanding, good will, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the elimination of poverty in their own communities.



Membership

The foundation of Rotary service is based on member participation. To maximize the potential for Rotarians to effectively meet needs in their community, each member of the Club is expected to attend regular weekly meetings and required to attend at least 50% of meetings each half-year. With over 70 clubs throughout Northern Illinois, 35,000 clubs internationally and eClubs, members can make-up or attend meetings at any Rotary Club in the world.

In order to operate effectively, each member is required to contribute quarterly dues, as well as participate in Club projects and activities, and encouraged to make annual contributions in any amount to the Rotary Foundation in support of the Annual Programs Fund and Polio Plus.



Rotarians live their life by The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say, or do

1. **Is it the Truth?**
2. **Is it fair to all Concerned?**
3. **Will it build Goodwill and Better Friendships?**
4. **Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?**

The Object of Rotary

To encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular:

First - The development of acquaintances as an opportunity for service;

Second - High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

Third - The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

Fourth - The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Five Avenues of Service

Club Service - Focuses on strengthening fellowship and ensuring the effective functioning of the club.

Vocational Service - Encourages Rotarians to serve others through their vocations and to practice high ethical standards.

Community Service - Covers the projects and activities the club undertakes to improve life in its community.

International Service - Encompasses actions taken to expand Rotary's humanitarian reach around the globe and to promote world understanding and peace.

Youth Service - Recognizes positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities, service projects, and exchange programs.